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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES: COAL MINE SAFETY AND METHANE
CONTROL

REFERENCE: A) MOSCOW 8334; B) MOSCOW 10251

1. USDEL SUBJECT EXCHANGE WILL ARRIVE MOSCOW SEPTEMBER 9
AT 12:25 P.M. ON PAN AM FLIGHT NO. 90. DELEGATION PLANS
TO DEPART USSR SEPTEMBER 21 AT 2:30 P.M. VIA PAN AM
FLIGHT NO. 91.

2. USDEL WILL BE HEADED BY:

JOSEPH J. YANCIK, ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-MINING
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OTHER MEMBERS OF DELEGATION ARE:

DONALD SCHLICK, DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR,
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3. USDEL REQUESTS TWO CLARIFICATIONS AND PERHAPS MODIFICATIONS OF PROGRAM. FIRST, US TEAM MOST ANXIOUS TO MEET WITH SOVIET OFFICIALS WHO SET AND ENFORCE MINE SAFETY REGULATIONS AND ARE UNCERTAIN WHETHER PROPOSED PROGRAM (REFTEL A) INCLUDES MEETINGS WITH SUCH OFFICIALS. IF IT DOES NOT WE REQUEST ADDED VISIT TO APPROPRIATE SOVIET ORGANIZATION. SECOND, US MINE EXPERTS DOUBT WHETHER PROPOSED PROGRAM INCLUDES VISIT TO OPERATING MINE USING SHIELD-TYPE SUPPORTS FOR LONG WALL MINING, AND CONSIDER SUCH A VISIT HIGHLY DESIRABLE. IN CASE THIS TYPE MINE NOT INCLUDED AND IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO REARRANGE SCHEDULE TO INCLUDE ONE, IT IS SUGGESTED AS ALTERNATIVE THAT US TEAM SEE SHIELDS IN A MANUFACTURING FACILITY.

4. US SIDE ASSUMES THAT SOVIET HOSTS WILL PROVIDE PARTICIPANTS WITH CLOTHES AND EQUIPMENT FOR MINE VISITS. PLEASE ADVISE IF THIS IS NOT THE CASE.

5. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO CONVEY THESE QUESTIONS TO APPROPRIATE SOVIET OFFICIALS AND ATTEMPT SECURE DETAILED SEQUENTIAL ITINERARY PRIOR TO START OF VISIT. ROGERS

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